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1. EVIDENCE GROWING THAT GOA PLANS TO ANNOUNCE EITHER
AUGUST 25 OR 26 ITS DECISION ON MINING, MILLINA DNE EXPORTING
OF AUSTRALIAN URANIUM. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT GOA
WILL APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF URANIUM RESOURCES SUBJECT TO VERY
STRINGENT NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS AND CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE
PRESENTED IN TWO RANGER (FOX) URANIUM ENVIRONMENTAL INQUIRIES.

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WM THERE IS SPECULATION THAT GOA WILL NOT ANNOUNCE SPECIFIC
REQUIREMENT FOR SEQUENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF MINES, BELIEVING
THAT DE FACTO SEQUENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL OCCUR WITHOUT GOA
INTERVENTION BECAUSE
MINING VENTURES INVOLVED WOULD NOT ALL COME ON STREAM AT
SAME TIME ANYWAY. GOA ANNOUNCEMENT LIKELY TO REVEAL
STRINGENT REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

AND ABORIGINAL RIGHTS FROM UNWARRANTED DISRUPTION DURING MINING PERIOD.

3. GOA URANIUM DECISION WOULD COME AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS INCREASING PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS GROUPS FOR NATIONAL REFERENDUM ON WHETHER OR NOT TO MINE URANIUM. THE PROBABLE AFFIRMATIVE DECISION TO PROCEED WITH URANIUM MINING WILL BE MET WITH OPPOSITION FROM AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY, AND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACADEMIC GROUPS. DESPITE EXPECTED OPPOSITION, GOA WILL HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH MANY OF PROBLEMS POSED BY OPPONENTS BECAUSE URANIUM EXPORTS FROM NEW MINES NOT LIKELY UNTIL EARLY 1980S. ALSTON

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